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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**INDIANAPOLIS MAN CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL
POSSESSION OF SAWED-OFF SHOTGUN**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JOSEPH W. KLINGE, 24, Indianapolis, Indiana, was charged on June 3, 2003, with the unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition, following an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Indianapolis Police Department in connection with the PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS initiative.

The information alleges that on April 29, 2003, KLINGE, who had previously been convicted of the felony offense of criminal recklessness, possessed a .410 gauge sawed-off shotgun and ammunition.

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According to Assistant United States Attorney James P. Hanlon, who is prosecuting the case for the government, KLINGE faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. Following a hearing held on May 9, 2003 before a U.S. Magistrate Judge, KLINGE was ordered detained at the Marion County Jail pending disposition of this case.

The information is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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